

**CITY OF MONROE
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
MAY 12, 2014**

The meeting of the Monroe Planning Commission was scheduled for **May 12, 2014** at **7:00 p.m.**, in the City Hall Council Chambers at 806 West Main Street, Monroe, WA 98272.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kristiansen called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Planning Commission Secretary Christina Lavelle called the roll. The following were:

Present: Commissioner Jensen, Commissioner Tuttle, Commissioner Rodland, Commissioner Kristiansen, Commissioner Stanger, Commissioner Sherwood, Commissioner Duerksen

Staff Present:

Planning and Permitting Manager Paul Popelka and Planning Commission Secretary Christina LaVelle.

CITIZEN COMMENT

None

PUBLIC HEARING

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. April 12, 2014

Commissioner Rodland moved to accept the April 12, 2014 minutes as read.
Seconded by **Commissioner Stanger**. Motion carried 6/0.

WORKSHOP

A. Code Amendment 2012-04 Sign Code Update

The sign code (Monroe Municipal Code 18.80) interim regulations have been extended to July 2014 to allow completion of final code revisions and developing an enforcement program.

Manager Popelka discussed the amendment as summarized below:

- Review of past actions and extensions of the current interim regulations.
- Public Hearing at the Commission scheduled for July 9, 2014 with intention to forward a recommendation to City Council.
- Council introduction in June, first and second readings in July.
 - Overview of current code and proposed revisions to address outstanding issues in the code, including off-premise signage, maximum numbers of signs and area, A-boards and other minor revisions.

B. Comprehensive Plan Amendment CPA2012-C 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update

An update of the 2005-2025 Comprehensive Plan is now underway with completion planned in June 2015. This workshop will review the results of recent workshops and upcoming events.

Manager Popelka summarized recent events and project work:

- Transportation Community Tour, several agency meetings and public workshop in March.
- Workshop concerns included street beautification projects and traffic congestion at main arterials, SR2, and 522.

Commission discussion is summarized below:

- Seek input from trucking for input on their specific needs and issues.
- WSDOT 522 widening, future interchange plans and extending Galaxy Way across the US-2 bypass area. It was noted that there is no funding for the bypass and construction is not in the foreseeable future.
- Tjerne Road Extension will be designed this year and likely completed in 2016.
- City-wide walkability was a recurring issue in the workshop, specifically the Kelsey/Blueberry area.
- Concern over railroad crossings and needed repairs to those intersections.

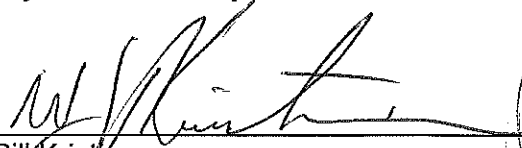
DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

Manager Popelka discussed the next steps for the 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update, further work on the sign code, the East Monroe appeal to the Growth Management Hearings Board, and current development projects. He also noted that Nick Holland has been hired as the new Associate Planner.

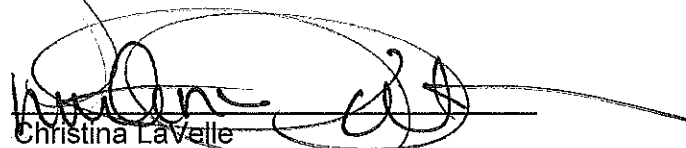
Commissioner Kristiansen thanked **Commissioner Duerksen** for replacing him on the Park Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Sherwood moved to adjourn the April 14, 2014 Planning Commission meeting. Motion seconded by **Commissioner Stanger**. Motion carried 6/0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.



Bill Kristiansen
Chairman



Christina LaVelle
Planning Commission Secretary